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June 5, 2009

Alexander Fidis
United Stated Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
Office of Regional Counsel
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101

Re:

Holcim (US) Inc.

104(e) Request for Information

Lower Duwamish Waterway, Seattle, WA

Dear Mr. Fidis:

I am local counsel for Holcim (US) Inc. in regards to the above-referenced matter. On April 24, 2009, Holcim received EPA's request for information pursuant to section 104(e) of CERCLA. EPA has provided Holcim 60 days to respond to the information request. The purpose of this letter is to request that Holcim be granted an extension until July 31, 2009 to respond to EPA's information request.

Upon receipt of the 104(e) information request, we noted that it called for a substantial amount of detail and documentation regarding a facility on the Lower Duwamish Waterway that Holcim has not owned or operated since October 1998. In addition, Holcim has never received a General Notice Letter regarding this site. To properly answer the request, time was required to become educated about the site and the status of the CERCLA process. As we became educated about the site, we began a survey of the locations and individuals with whom the responsive information may reside. It was discovered that the information required to respond to the 104(e) information request does not rest in one place or with one individual. As a consequence, assembling the information has required searches of physical records in multiple locations.

Due to the aforementioned time-consuming activities that have impeded our ability to respond by the original deadline, we respectfully request an extension of the deadline to respond to July 31, 2009.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached locally at (253) 627-1181.

Very truly yours,

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